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Results of the regional conferences and other international conferences

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 36/8 on the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, the Commission on the Status of Women decided that the documentation for the Conference would include a report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of regional preparatory meetings for the Conference and relevant sections of final documents emanating from the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the World Conference on Human Rights and the International Conference on Population and Development.

2. Regional preparatory conferences for the Fourth World Conference on Women were held in the five United Nations regions under the auspices of the regional commissions, in some cases as part of previously scheduled regional meetings. The following regional preparatory conferences were held:

(a) Second Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Women in Development (Jakarta, 7-14 June 1994);

(b) Sixth Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (Mar del Plata, 20-25 September 1994);

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(c) High-level Regional Preparatory Meeting of the Economic Commission for Europe (Vienna, 17-21 October 1994);

(d) Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting (Amman, 9 and 10 November 1994);

(e) Fifth African Regional Conference on Women (Dakar, 16-23 November 1994).

3. The preparatory conferences adopted the following regional platforms or plans of action, which will be issued as addenda to the present document:

(a) Jakarta Declaration and Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women in Asia and the Pacific;

(b) Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001;

(c) Regional Platform for Action - Women in a Changing World - Call for Action from an ECE Perspective;

(d) Arab Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women to the Year 2005;

(e) Dakar Declaration and African Platform for Action.

4. In addition, sections of the programmes of action adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the World Conference on Human Rights and the International Conference on Population and Development contained conclusions and recommendations relevant to the work of the Fourth World Conference on Women. Excerpts from those documents will be issued as addenda to the present document.